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OBITUARY.

A TRAGIC ENDING.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)
London, March 19.
M. Marcelin Borthelot, Ex-minister of France and chemist, has died suddenly under tragic circumstances. He was mourning by his wife's deathbed when he expired.

SHIPPING DISASTERS.

FOGS IN THE CHANNEL.

Heavy Losses Reported.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)
London, March 19.
Vessels are reported to be ashore all along the Channel. The losses reported at Lloyd's yesterday aggregate £1,500,000, of which the White Star liner "Suevic" alone accounts for £500,000.

The "Jebba's" cargo consisted largely of gold and rubber and is valued at £200,000.

[The "Suevic" is a steel twin screw four-masted steamer of 12,000 tons gross, and was built in 1900 by Harland and Wolff, at Belfast. She is 550.2 feet long, 63.3 feet in breadth and 30.9 feet in depth. The "Jebba" is a small vessel of 3,812 tons gross; was built in 1896 by Sir Raydon Dixon and Company, at Middlesbrough, for the African S.S. Co. (Elder Dempster and Co.) She is 353 feet long, 44.2 ft. in breadth and 23.4 feet in depth.—E.O. C.M.]

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

London, March 18.
The White Star liner "Suevic" from Sydney is on shore on the rocks off the Lizard. She ran ashore in a fog at 10.30 at night. The sea is rough and a moderate gale is blowing. There are 400 people on board, of whom two have been killed and one injured by the breaking of a steam pipe.

Passengers Saved.

London, March 18.
All the passengers of the "Suevic" have been saved. There is some hope of refloating the vessel.

FRENCH TORPEDOERS IN COLLISION.

London, March 18.
A collision has occurred between two French torpedoers off Ajaccio, while manoeuvring with lights out.

GREAT BRITAIN AND CHINA.

London, March 18.
At the launch of H.M.S. "Indomitable," the Chinese Minister in a speech said that he was much impressed with the importance of a navy to the stability of a nation, and he hoped that in the near future China would have an efficient navy. He trusted that the friendship between Great Britain and China would become still more close.

WEST AFRICAN LINER LOST.

London, March 18.
The West African liner "Jobba" is on shore at Prawle Point. All the passengers and crew are saved, but the vessel is a total loss.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday at the Board Room. The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham (Vice-President) presided, and there were also present Dr. F. Clark (Medical Officer of Health), Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown (Registrar-General), Hon. Capt. F. J. Bodley (Captain-Superintendent of Police), Dr. H. MacFarlane (Assistant Medical Officer of Health), Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt, Mr. H. Humphreys, Mr. Shelton, Mr. Hopper, Mr. Lau Chai-pak, Mr. Fung Wa-chun and Mr. G. A. Woodcock (secretary).

The suggested fine of \$10 was imposed on the scavenging contractor for Kowloon City.

The application for a grave site near the Man Chow cemetery was refused.

Only six persons in 100 live to be 70.

St. Paul's Cathedral was built from a tax on sea-coal.

SUDDEN ATTACK OF DYSENTERY CURED.

A prominent lady of Brooklyn, New York, U.S.A., writes to inquire where she can obtain Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. She says: "While stopping at a ranch in South Dakota I was taken ill of what seemed to be cholera. They gave me some of this medicine and it cured me. I bought a bottle of the home-made remedy and used the last of it today. For sale by all chemists and druggists."

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

It is reported that Esperanto is meeting with an encouraging reception in Japan, especially amongst the Japanese, who have a magazine printed in the "new language."

It is stated that the man Collins, accused of possessing bombs at Tientsin, is to be escorted to his home where he will be imprisoned for five or ten years, the matter being concluded without further interference from China.

The American Minister has requested from the Waipapa a passport for a mining engineer who intends to enter Tibet with a view to prospecting, but the Waipapa has replied that any passport to be given in Tibet is so difficult that it is desirable that he should defer his journey.

Socialism in Japan.

Japan has its own method of dealing with the Socialist terror. Witness this extract from the Yordun Choho:—The Japan Socialist Party has been ordered by the Government to dissolve itself on the ground that the existence of the party is harmful to public order.

Band at King Edward Hotel.

By kind permission of Lt. Col. Price D. S. O., and Officers, the Band of the 12th Duke of Connaught's Own—Balaclava will play the following Programme of music at the above Hotel, during dinner, on Thursday, 21st March, 1907 (weather permitting):—
March, "Mecanee".....Cox
Overture, "Romantic".....Keler Boles
Valse, "La Svingali".....Reeder
Rout of Orléans.....Machell
Serenade, "Love in Idleness".....Machell
Lied, "Gute Nacht".....Schubert
The Mill in the Black Forest.....Eilenberg
Selection, "The Belle of New York".....Kerker

Claim Against Long King.

In the Summary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court this afternoon before His Honour Mr. A. G. Wise (Puisne Judge) Mr. Frederick Blumck sued Messrs Long King, photographers, for £570. Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared for the plaintiff, but defendants were not represented and did not appear. Mr. Blumck stated that defendants took over his premises for \$4000 to be paid for in monthly instalments of \$114. From January to October, 1906, the instalments were paid but from November to date nothing had been paid. Judgment was given for plaintiff with costs.

The "Student" Again.

There are signs of an attempt to organise opposition to the Peking Syndicate in the region of Hsiao-wu Hsien. Placards have been posted up in the city calling a mass meeting to be held in the West Suburb, to consider what can be done to save the precious ores of the Taihang mountains from foreigners. The people are reminded that the Shansi student, Mr. Li, sacrificed his life to try and save the mountains, and that they are therefore called on to do something. The placard says: "Don't be deceived into thinking that it is only a question of coal mines being taken out of the hands of Chinese and run by foreigners, all the precious ores, gold, silver, etc., will be seized by them in the same way." A young man who has been a student in Japan for some months, who returned to Hsiao-wu recently, is believed to be the moving spirit in the affair.—P. and T. Times.

Alice Memorial Hospital.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
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West River Trip.

The Easter trip up the West River in the s.s. "Linton" should prove to be a very interesting and delightful way of spending the Easter holidays. We learn that the "Linton" will leave Hongkong on Sunday morning, and she should enter the delta of the Canton and West Rivers in the afternoon and will steam through the narrow channels of the Delta in daylight affording passengers a splendid opportunity of seeing this most interesting part of the country. On the following morning the ship should arrive at Samshui, and stay there most of the day, and her passengers will be able to visit the city of Samshui, and see the ancient temples and joss houses for which the place is noted. The "Linton" should arrive at Wuchow about midday on Tuesday and remain there until Wednesday evening. Wuchow is full of interesting and historical places, and during the steamer's stay there her passengers will have their time fully occupied in seeing the sights. The "Linton" is due to return to Hongkong at daylight on Friday. Passengers do not have to go ashore to sleep when the steamer is in port, and as the "Linton" is by far the finest and best fitted vessel going to the West River, a most enjoyable trip may be anticipated.

an enormous external debt and has committed herself to an extension of her forces which can hardly be paid for out of ordinary revenue. The country moreover is not rich. Every month lately prices of provisions and rents have been rising but wages have not shown a corresponding rise. This of course is the explanation of the prevailing unrest in Japan which has been demonstrated in different parts of the Empire lately. It may be expected to become much more aggravated in the near future when the boom entirely collapses. The aftermath will be so much the worse in Japan because she has practically no latent resources. Almost every foot of ground that is useable has been put to use and the people find it difficult to support themselves. It will be a long time before Corea and Manchuria become productive assets. In the meantime Japan will be well advised to go slow, financially, for a while. However creditably she might raffle it with America on the "tented field" she is certainly not yet qualified to keep the financial pace with her.

The Canadian Postmaster General, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, seems to be a very bold and aggressive person. Not content with popularising the phrase an "intellectual preference for Great Britain" in connection with the proposed reduction of postage on British periodicals mailed to Canada; he has given us another. This time it is "shilling cables to all parts of the Empire." In other words, he desires to see a cheaper cable service throughout the King's Dominions, in the interests of imperial solidarity and imperial trade. The subject of all-British cables and cheaper service has long been a pet theory with Sir Sandford Fleming to whom belongs much of the credit for the construction of the Pacific cable from Canada to Australia. He sent the first message that ever went around the world, using the Pacific cable in part. That was in October, 1902. Since then he has steadily pursued the idea of an all-Government-owned, world-encircling cable. To this he added recently the idea of a cheap imperial service. That Mr. Lemieux has taken up the subject enthusiastically marks him in the opinion of the Canadian Courier (Toronto) as a statesman of imagination who may yet play an important part in imperial affairs.

Here are a few of Mr. Dooley's latest aphorisms:—"A man has more fun wishin' fr' th' things he hasn't got than injinin' th' things he has." "I don't know how men propose." "Most married men give yo' th' impression that their wives stole them fr'm their agonised parents." Concerning strikers: "Hogan incoined th' hens to jine th' union. But wah iv thim laid an egg two days in succession an' th' others struck, th' rule iv th' union bein' no hen-shall lay more eggs than th' most reluctant hen in th' bunch." Of Capital and Labour: "They're so close together now that those that are be'ween them are crushed to death." The automobile, described as "a circus-wagon attached to a cookstove"—comes in for hant: A judge, addressing a captured motorist, says: "Haynious monster! I have no prejudice against ye, reptile. I believe the automobile has come to stay, in the barn." In "The Comforts of Travel," he satirises the pretensions of Pullman Car trains; a negro on one of them told him he cooked "with a can opener." Dooley's experience on board decided him to travel at home: "Whinever I feel th' desire to fly through space, put a cinder in me eye; an' go to bed on a shelf in the closet."

The Entants.
It is reported that a fierce fight took place late on the night of the 4th inst. in a refreshment house in the Russian Concession at Tientsin, between three British soldiers and six or eight French soldiers. The Frenchmen had been assisting their brigade at the fire and while saving cases of liquor broomed some of them. It is alleged. After the fire the French soldiers who were all wearing side arms, went to an eating house. Here they created a disturbance and a fight ensued. The three British "Tommy's" had no arms and all were wounded more or less seriously before the fight was stopped by the French patrol. The three men, as well as two French soldiers, are in hospital.

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Meeting.
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.
Auction.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curios and Silk Embroideries, &c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammett's Sales Rooms.
Miscellaneous.
Goods per Nanyang undelivered after 4 p.m. on this date will be landed.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 22:—
Goods per Kien undelivered after this date subject to rent.
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SATURDAY, March 23:—
Noon—Meeting of Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at Messrs Shewan, Tomes & Co.'s Office.

SUNDAY, March 24:—
Goods per Japan not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.
Goods per Persia undelivered after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, March 25:—
11 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

11.15 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.
Noon—Auction of Building Material on the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s Premises.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 55, Wong Nei Cheong Road.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 10, Mountain View, the Peak.

TUESDAY, March 26:—
Noon—Auction of Leasehold Property at Mr Geo. P. Lammett's Sale Rooms.

WEDNESDAY, March 27:—
Noon—Auction of Triple Expansion Marine Engine, at Kwong Sang Loong's Boiler Yard, Tai Kok Tui.

11.30 a.m.—Meeting of China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.
12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.

2.30 p.m.—Meeting of National Bank of China, Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

SATURDAY, March 30:—
Transfer Books of China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., close from this date to 13th April inclusive.

TUESDAY, April 2:—
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.

WEDNESDAY, April 3:—
11 a.m.—Meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.
Transfer Books of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., close from this date to 13th April inclusive.

SATURDAY, April 13:—
Noon—Meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., at Head Office.
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1907.

FINANCIAL CRISES.

The two countries whose names have lately been most on people's lips, America and Japan, are both experiencing financial crises. In Japan there has been a craze for company promotion, and concerns have been floated which would have had no chance at normal times. The country is passing through an experience similar to that which obtained after the China-Japanese war. There was now the cessation of hostilities was followed by great commercial activity which eventually became almost frantic. Inevitably in a national movement of this kind the speculators seized their opportunity and promoted enterprises which brought profit to no-one save the promoters. The same thing is occurring now but on a larger scale and symptoms are already apparent that the pendulum is swinging back. One minor bank has already failed and there has been a remarkable drop in values on the stock exchanges at Tokyo, Osaka and other cities. It is singular that at the very moment that Japan is in the throes of a financial crisis, the country which has recently been spoken of as her only rival in the Pacific should be having a similar experience. But America is not likely to suffer to anything like the extent that Japan will. In the first place America is in a highly prosperous condition and moreover she has no national debt. The fall of one hundred million sterling in the value of stocks in one day sounds sensational but in view of the fabulously high prices at which stocks have stood of late months it may reasonably be supposed that a great deal of this fall is to be accounted for by the fact that the "water" has been squeezed out of some of the securities. The resources of America are so vast that she could come practically unscathed through the worst crisis. With Japan it is different. She has just succeeded in piling up

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